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Star-Spangled Banner Act Passes Assembly with Bi-partisan Support

Madison, WI – The Star-Spangled Banner Act, which would require the playing or singing of the national anthem prior to sporting events held in taxpayer-funded venues, passed the Assembly today 74-22.

Senator Patrick Testin (Stevens Point), who authored the bill with Rep. Tony Kurtz (Wonewoc), was pleased that the bill passed with bi-partisan support.

“It’s reasonable to expect that venues constructed with taxpayer dollars show the same respect for our country that we require in our schools and in the State Capitol,” noted Senator Testin. “I’m encouraged by the broad support for this bill, and I will continue to work for the its passage.”

The proposal now begins the process in the Senate, where Senator Testin is optimistic that the bill will receive support. Those who wish to indicate their support for the bill can sign a petition at <https://legis.wisconsin.gov/senate/24/testin/star-spangled-banner-act/>.



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